

SCREEN AW

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"I am going to seek opinion from the city and county government before taking steps toward a general issuance of the letter of the city banuity ordinance, which has to do with the placing of all foods sold for sale at the markets under screen."

"We know full well that meats and foodstuffs have been exposed for sale without slightest pretense being made to protect the same from flies or dirt. What could we do, when the ordnance which we passed was so hotly tested? Now that the higher court decided in our favor, we can accordingly. Health Board interests."

It is likely that the Board of Health, which holds regular meeting late this afternoon, will fall in line and decide to enforce the intent of declining to relicense to the tradesmen who do comply with the city and county law.

There are nearly fifty of these merchants, and while the city of the ordinance has been in action, pending the court's decision, are said to have made little if not to guard against flies in the apposite method. The licenses of all now come up for renewal.

They expired at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, but action by the Board of Health has been delayed and at today's meeting the board members will report results of their investigations, make within the week, and decide on a standard cleanliness and sanitation with which tradesmen must comply before obtaining their licenses to continue business. Dr. Pratt talks.

Whether that standard include screening, as the ordinance requires,

or whether it will require screening only, I can not say," remarked Dr. Pratt, president of the health board, this morning. "There are other methods just as good, if not better, than screening for the preservation of meats. For instance, the use of a cold storage plant with the meats in a glass-covered case, airtight yet open to publicize, will keep out the dangerous flies and other vermin and at the same time prevent decay."

"But screening, at least, should be demanded."

The Supreme Court's decision was handed down in the long-deferred case of Hop Kee, one of a large number of merchants doing business at the public market who were arrested on the charge of violating the screening ordinance. The defendants protested on the argument that the ordinance was unconstitutional, so, selecting the Hop Kee incident as a test case, the authorities carried it through the lower courts and on up to the Supreme Court for interpretation and final ruling.

When the remaining cases will now be prosecuted has not been determined.

The Matson Navigation steamer Filion with sugar and general line of Hawaiian products sailed from Hilo for San Francisco direct last evening according to a report received at the office of Case & Cooke.

The Filion left a large shipment of merchandise and lumber at the several land ports of call.

Petition and summons were filed in federal court this morning in the case against the suit brought by the government against a tract of 4.8 acres of land in Waikiki in which Mary Ellen Nohoh has an interest. The tract is held by the government as an addition to the army fortifications at that point.

Wharfage and supplies for Hawaii portcluding Oahu, the interisland steamship Maui was dispatched shortly after noon hour today.

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000 acres in Mindoro province, which has a mill already in operation. Besides taking care of the present held interests, the house will go in for the general development of the Philippines.

There are sixty million acres of land in the archipelago, of which forty million are arable, so that there is an abundant field for American enterprise. I have been working on the Philippine matter for some time past," Mr. Fairchild added, when asked if the scheme had been taken up by him on this visit to the mainland. He had resigned as manager of the Makai Sugar Co., but could not say who was to succeed him.

Mr. Fairchild is looking well, although revealing slight traces of the severe ordeal which he passed since he left here. No sooner had he become convalescent from the attack of pneumonia, which brought him to death's door in New York, than Mrs. Fairchild, worn in watching over his sick bed, was herself taken down with appendicitis, for which she had to undergo an operation. Then, when both were able to be about again, Mr. Fairchild went to Washington and for some time was strenuously engaged in promoting the Hawaiian land bill called after him as its author in the Hawaiian legislature.

Land Bill Held Up.

The land bill is held up in committee," Mr. Fairchild said, "until after Secretary Fisher's visit and investigations of conditions here."

"I think Governor Frear will be re-appointed," he said in reply to a question. "That seemed to be the feeling when I left Washington."

"I believe that there will be nothing done on the sugar tariff this session,"

but nobody can tell. As President Taft said to me one day, throwing up his hands, 'If anybody can tell what that House is going to do he knows more than I.'

It is a good thing the free sugar bill came up when it did. If it had not been for it there would have been a free sugar plank in the Democratic platform. The question was not understood in Washington until those interested in the sugar industry of the country were aroused to action by the bill, and had all its bearings threshed out for the enlightenment of Congress. I take my hat off to the old standpatters in the Senate, for the stand they have taken on the sugar tariff."

Mr. Fairchild said that while it was too early to predict the outcome, Taft was strong with the thinking people all over the country, having made a good President—in fact he was the ablest statesman that had occupied the White House for a long time. Many things were liable to develop before November, in Mr. Fairchild's opinion—such as an uneasy truce between Roosevelt and Wilson, which would make the people tire of both of them.

The appeal of Maurice R. Carey, who is suing the stockholders of the defunct Hawaiian Lumber Mills, Ltd., for a judgment for \$8,711.87, was placed on the supreme court calendar this morning. The suit was dismissed, with costs assessed to the plaintiff, by Circuit Judge H. E. Cooper. The judgment against the Hawaiian Lumber Mills was obtained November 29, 1911.

Governor Frear has been asked to appoint delegates to attend the conference of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, which is scheduled to convene at Milwaukee August 28 to 31. The request arrived by the mail this morning.

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